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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY AIRLIFT FOR CAMBODIA

REF: A. PHNOM PENH 2564, B. PHNOM PENH 2615

1. REFTELS ADVISE THAT EMERGENCY AIRLIFT AUGMENTATION REQUIRED BEGINNING FEBRUARY 13 AT LATEST TO PREVENT PHNOM PENH FROM FALLING TO THE ENEMY.

2. DOD IS MOVING QUICKLY TO DEPLOY US FLAG COMMERCIAL
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CARGO AIRCRAFT FROM THAILAND UNDER

DOD CONTRACT AND CONTROL PROBABLY INVOLVING THREE CARGO CONFIGURED DC-8 AIRCRAFT (CAPABILITY OF 40-45 TONS PER SORTIE) MAP AND/OR AID FUNDS WOULD DEFRAID COSTS DEPENDING UPON CARGO INVOLVED.

3. ABOVE PLAN REGARDED AS TEMPORARY EMERGENCY MEASURE. WE ASSUME YOU WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS GKR TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REOPEN MEKONG.

4. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED VIA DOD CHANNELS..

5. FOR BANGKOK: REQUEST PROMPT CLEARANCES FOR THREE ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL CARRIERS TO OPERATE OUT OF U TAPAO TO

PHNOM PENH.

6. FOR PHNOM PENH: PROVIDE ALL AVAILABLE INFO AS TO CAPABILITY OF POCHENTONG AIRFIELD TO HANDLE DC-8 AIRCRAFT INCLUDING ESTIMATE OF MINIMUM ADDITIONAL CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR EXPEDITIOUS OFFLOADING OF SUCH AIRCRAFT. REQUEST YOU PRESS GKR TO USE ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE OR LOCAL CURRENCY RATHER THAN AID OR MAP FUNDS TO PAY TCN'S UNLOADING CARGO TO AVOID ANY QUESTION UNDER HEAD SPACE CEILING. USE OF ESF FUNDS INAPPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF MIXED CIVIL/MILITARY NATURE OF OPERATION. (AID FUNDING ALSO IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR THIS REASON.) INGERSOLL

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